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Toy amendment would save “hold-harmless” funds for schools

LANSING – Districts classified as “hold-harmless” would not be subject to additional funding cuts this year under to an amendment to the School Aid budget offered Thursday by Sen. Laura Toy, R-Livonia.

“Even during tough economic times, we must do all we can to avoid sacrificing our children’s education,” Toy said. “It is important to me and to the residents I serve that we are able to maintain this funding.”

Hold harmless districts are defined as any district with a foundation allowance above the state maximum foundation allowance. They are districts that had the highest per-pupil revenue when Proposal A was passed in FY 1994.

The Livonia Public Schools, which serve portions of Livonia and Westland, currently receive more than \$5.5 million in this funding, and would be the hardest hit school district in Michigan if 20j funds were cut. The Clarenceville School System, serving portions of Livonia, Farmington Hills, and Redford Township, also receives more than \$600,000 in hold-harmless funding.

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